
Youth Alive

2009 – 2010

Session 1 and 2

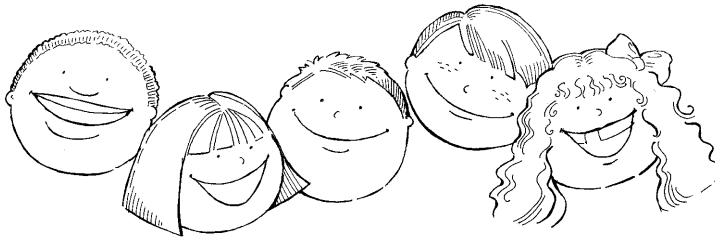


3 Years – 5th Grade

We Must Share Our Faith!

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



What is Youth Alive and Why Participate?

First Presbyterian's Youth Alive program is the theology and practice of Christian relationship in a disciplined midweek context for children ages 3 years through 5th grade.

Christian relationships are best learned, and learned correctly, when consistently experienced in communities; specifically in Christian communities where the selfless kind of caring for others found uniquely in Christ is intentionally taught and practiced.

Christian nurture is an important conviction of First Presbyterian Church. Christian nurture will enable our church family to:

- (1) Develop an understanding and desire for Jesus as Lord and Savior;
- (2) Develop into active, loyal disciples and leaders in the church;
- (3) Connect with a positive Christian peer group;
- (4) Participate in worthwhile study, wholesome recreation and opportunities for service within a Christian community;
- (5) Become Christians who are able and willing to live the Christian faith and communicate their faith to others.

Not only does Youth Alive meet the needs of the children, the program is a valuable tool for family involvement and renewal, as parents and other members of the church are drawn into active participation.

Youth Alive Schedule 2009 - 2010

1ST SESSION:

September 23

Building God's Kingdom – Construction
Theme

September 30

Fear factor – With God We Have No Fear

October 7

Backwards Night

October 14

Disciples - Serving Others

October 21

Harry Potter Mania

November 4

Night at the Movies – What's Really
Important?

November 11

Thank God for Freedom – Veteran's Day

November 18

Nascar – Letting God Drive

December 2

Beach Theme – Basking in God's Love

December 9

Christmas Celebration

2nd Session:

January 13

Armor of God – Knights and Princesses
Unite in God's Name

January 20

A rainbow of colors – Martin Luther King
Day/Diversity Awareness

January 27

Souper Bowl for the Hungry

February 3

UFOs – Identifying the Aliens

February 10

Celebration Night – Families join us in
celebrating a successful year (Valentine's
Day)

The "Heart" of the Youth Alive Program

(1) Midweek is the time for scheduling the program.

(2) Everyone participates in all three parts of the program, every Wednesday.

The three parts of the program are modeled after the teachings of the early church, as described in **Acts 2:42** –

“They spent time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals, and prayers”.

The midweek Youth Alive program meetings are made up of three basic segments:

- Bible Time: Bible lessons and stories taught by committed, prepared teachers.
- Dinner/Fellowship: Family groups composed of children or youth at each table with “table parents.”
- Recreation Time: Athletics, games, hobbies, crafts, and/or recreational activities of all kinds.

(3) There is ongoing pastoral leadership and participation.

(4) Parents make a commitment to volunteer in the weekly program.

Parent Commitment: *YOU HOLD THE KEY*

Parents of Youth Alive need to participate in some area of service at least twice during the session.

- Insist on your child’s regular attendance at Youth Alive each week and in worship, especially those services in which your child will participate in the service. Worshipping together as a family is a vital component of faith.
- If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the Church Office (725-4391) prior to 2:00 p.m.
- Fulfilling your commitment to the Youth Alive ministry and your involvement is crucial to the program. Your attitude creates a positive role model to the youth that the congregation cares for them...Children will see Youth Alive as important if they see their parents devoting time to the program. The children want to see you there!

(5) Sunday worship is encouraged.

(6) Nursery Care is available for children of volunteers during Youth Alive hours.

(7) There is a suggested donation for participation in the program:

\$30.00 per child for Session 1 (\$60 maximum per family)

\$20.00 per child for Session 2 (\$40 maximum per family)

\$45.00 per child for both Sessions 1 and 2 (90.00 maximum per family)
if paid in full in September.

(8) Financial Assistance is available – for more information regarding Youth Alive, please call or email Gina Struensee at (920) 725-4391 or gstruensee@firstpresneenah.org.

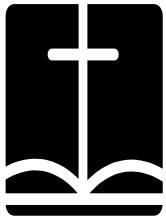
The Youth Alive Discipline Policy

Your child is important to us. We have made a firm commitment to your child's Christian nurture and training. We will assist you in every way possible to make certain the full opportunity of participation is available to him or her.

The only rule of Youth Alive is:

Everyone will treat everyone else as a child of God.

No one will treat anyone else as if they do not matter.



***We are children of God,
and we must treat each other that way.***

General Behavior at Youth Alive, and all church activities, should reflect Christian thought and caring concern for others. Courtesy is expected at all times, whether in study or play.

Stress to your child the importance of cooperation with all members of the Youth Alive staff. With all of us working together, Youth Alive can be one of the most significant experiences of your child's life.

Discipline is teaching, through experience, how to have self-control, self-reliance, self-esteem, and orderly conduct. It is assuming responsibility for our actions and making decisions about our behavior, which will build healthy relationships.

Should the staff encounter behavior concerns, which they are unable to resolve, we will involve the family and others as needed.

Other Information

Visitors . . . If a student wants to invite a guest, please call the Church Office in advance. The guest's first visit is free, then \$3.00 per week thereafter.

Inclement Weather . . . If area schools are dismissed early or cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be no Youth Alive that day.

***If Youth Alive is cancelled for any reason,
you will receive an email notification by 3:00 p.m. on that day.***

Youth Alive Schedule

The Youth Alive Schedule is as follows:

4:00p – 4:10p	Intro
4:10p – 4:15p	Transition Time
4:15p – 4:40p	Recreation Time/Bible Time
4:40p – 4:45p	Transition Time
4:45p – 5:30p	Dinner and Intergenerational Fellowship
5:30p – 5:35p	Transition Time
5:35p – 6:00p	Recreation Time/Bible Time

	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade
4:15p – 4:40p	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation
4:45p – 5:30p	Meal/Family Time		
5:35p – 6:00p	Bible Time	Bible Time	Bible Time

	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
4:15p – 4:40p	Bible Time	Bible Time	Bible Time
4:45p – 5:30p	Meal/Family Time		
5:35p – 6:00p	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation

VERY IMPORTANT REGARDING PICK-UP TIME:

- To ensure a smooth pick up, please arrive by 5:55 p.m. Parents, please help us enforce the rules of Youth Alive after our program ends.
- For the safety of the children; no running in the halls and/or the Fellowship Hall, and no going on the stage.
- Be aware that Confirmation Class begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Please help us keep distractions to a minimum.

**YOUTH ALIVE REGISTRATION
FALL/WINTER SESSIONS 2009-2010**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

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Parent(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

You hold the key! We need your help to make our program the best yet! There are many ways to help (in the kitchen, teaching, table parents, setting the tables, designing the bulletin board or being an aide!). Please tell us what area you would like to explore. Thanks!

I would love to help with Youth Alive in the following way(s): _____

Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____ for:

_____ Session 1 (\$30.00 per child – \$60 maximum per family)

_____ Session 2 (\$20.00 per child – \$40 maximum per family)

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